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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICATION OF

ROBERT A. PYLES ET AL

SERIAL NUMBER: 10/796,523

FILED: March 9, 2004

TITLE: A PROCESS FOR MAKING
DYED ARTICLES

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) GROUP ART UNIT: 1751

) EXAMINER:
) Margaret V. Einsmann

DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I, Rick L. Archey, a citizen of the United States, do hereby declare as follows:

That my educational background includes a B.S. (Chemistry) obtained at West Liberty State College and an M.S. (Polymer Science) conferred upon me by Carnegie Mellon University.

That I have been in the employ of Bayer Material Science and its corporate predecessors for the past twenty five (25) years, and that within the scope of my employment I held several technical positions entailing research of polymeric systems including polycarbonate and polyurethane systems;

That I am a named co-inventor of the captioned Patent Application;

That I have read and understand the Office Action dated August 3, 2004 that issued in the prosecution of said Application;

That in support of the patentability of the invention claimed in said Application (Invention) I have obtained

- (i) a dye-free polycarbonate film measuring about 4 x 6" and
- (ii) a dye-free polyurethane test specimen in the form of a bladder measuring about 2x3".

That I have prepared a dyeing bath in accordance with the Invention, the bath containing approximately

70 pbw water,

0.15 pbw dye,

20 pbw of a plasticizing agent (ethylene glycol butyl ether= butyl cellusolve),
and

10 pbw of a leveling agent (diethylene glycol).

That I have dyed the film by immersing it in the dyeing bath maintained at 95°C for 3 minutes, removed, water-rinsed and dried the thus dyed film.

That I have dyed the bladder by immersing it in the dyeing bath maintained at 75°C for 3 minutes, removed, water-rinsed and dried the thus dyed film.

That I packed the dyed film and bladder in a plastic bag and provided these to Joe Martin for analyses.

The undersigned Declarant declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of pending Application Serial Number 10/796,523 or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed at Pittsburgh PA this 7th day of

January, 2005.


Rick L. Archey

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Sir:

I, Joseph J. Martin, a citizen of the United States, do hereby declare:

That I am an employee of Bayer MaterialScience LLC, the successor in business to Bayer Polymers LLC, the assignee of the captioned Patent Application;

That for the past seven years, as a member of Polymer Analysis and Physics Department and within the scope of my employment responsibilities I have analyzed hundreds of polymeric systems;

That my educational background and experience qualifies me to carry out and interpret the results of mass spectroscopy;

That I received two dyed articles from Rick Archey;

That I have tested these articles for their compositional makeup by Headspace gas chromatography with a mass spectrum detector;

That the attached graphs are the correct permanent record of the results of these tests;

That based on these results I have confidently concluded that

- (i) The film marked 04P 1150PC film contained butylcellusolve, diethylene glycol and water, and
- (ii) The bladder marked 04P1150 TPU contained butylcellusolve, diethylene glycol and water.

The undersigned Declarant declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of pending Application Serial Number 10/796,523 or any patent issuing thereon.

Signed at Pittsburgh, Pa this 7th day of
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Joseph J. Martin

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